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THREE CENTS

## Mrs. Spurgeon Gage

Mrs. Spurgeon Gage, who died Sept. 7, was born in Chazy, New York as Martha Mary Ladd. She was a graduate of Plattsburg Normal and Albany Business college and came directly to take up her work as secretary to the principal at Mount Hermon school in 1902. Later Mrs. Gage became registrar at Mount Hermon. In 1917 she was married to Spurgeon Gage, a teacher of science at Mount Hermon. Her life for 14 years among the 120 boys in Overtown hall cast shadows of healing as she and Mr. Gage lived there in charge.

In 1936, due to the need of milder climate for Mr. Gages' health, their work at Mount Hermon was terminated and they went to Orlando, Florida, built a home, set out a five-acre orange grove and established an express fruit shipping business. They are members of the First Baptist church at Orlando. Mrs. Gage loved her Florida home as dozens of Northfield folks who have visited her there know, but nearly every summer found her way back to the Northfield cottage by the brook meeting with friends she loved. From that peaceful cottage she went on Sept. 4 to the hospital for an operation which was successful, but the heart couldn't carry through and she slept quietly away.

The funeral for Mrs. Gage was held from Mount Hermon Memorial church Sunday, Sept. 9, at 3 P.M.; the chapel was beautiful with floral tributes. She had been a member here for 34 years and had held the clerkship and other offices. Miss Marion Keller set the quiet atmosphere of the service with Mrs. Gage's favorite hymns at the organ. Rev. Ellis E. Jones conducted the service with comforting scriptures and a sweetly sympathetic tribute to Mrs. Gage's life and work at Mount Hermon during those many years. He concluded, "Her children rise up to call her blessed." Burial was at the Mount Hermon cemetery, where so many other of her friends and co-workers rest.

Mrs. Gage is survived by her husband and a brother, Ray S. Ladd of Rouses Point, New York.

Some of the relatives and friends from out of town attending the funeral of Mrs. Spurgeon Gage at Mount Hermon chapel Sunday afternoon were a brother, Ray S. Ladd, with his wife and son, Roger, from Rouses Point, New York; also Mr. Gage's brother, Edward R. Gage, Amityville, L. I., N. Y., and his five sisters, Mrs.

## School For Girls

Northfield School for Girls reopened today for its 67th year with an enrolment of 520 students, registering from 27 states and 8 foreign countries, it was announced by Dr. Mira B. Wilson, the principal. Tomorrow will be devoted to make-up and entrance examinations and classes will start Thursday.

New members of the faculty and staff include Albert R. Raymond, formerly associated with the music department of Perkins Institute and the Church of the Advent, Boston, as choral director; Barbara Chesley of North Andover, Genevieve Dennison, East Pembroke, New York, Janet Jacobs of Mercersburg, Pa., Lella-Jane Smith, Winchester, Mass., and Mrs. Horace K. Wright of East Northfield, in the English department; Elizabeth Grey of Woburn, history; Jane E. Hykes, Youngstown, Ohio, Latin; Jean L. Parker of Pennagrove, N. J., science; Margaret Peters of Concord, Mass., music; Virginia Pierce of Brooklyn, Bible. Mrs. E. H. Luther of Ludlow, Vermont, has been appointed to the nursing staff and Gustav Wolf of East Northfield has joined the Art department.

Girls from Northfield who registered included: Eve Marie Amann, Jane Backus, Cynthia Baldwin, Portia Chamberlin, Anna Beran, Ellen Briesmaster, Esther Compton, Bette Franz, Emily Kirk, Anne Livingston, Clarice Manley, Evelyn Morgan, Mary Mosse, Nina Pearsall, Esther Bentley, Sally Kirk, Joan Williams and Barbara and Betty Ann Taylor. Mount Hermon student include Margaret Dodd, Elizabeth Birdsall and Alice Taber.

Miss Fanny Stockbridge, who spent the summer at her home on Highland avenue, has returned to Greenway, Va.

Mrs. N. Fay Smith has been receiving treatment for a recent injury at the Keene hospital.

Elizabeth Burlingame, Worcester, N. Y.; Mrs. Winthrop Stilwell, Prattsburg, N. Y.; Mrs. George Rosti and husband, North Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. Clyde Truax, Newark Valley, N. Y., and Mrs. Henry Wilsey and husband of Endicott, N. Y.

Principal and Mrs. Jerome Burt, with son, Sgt. Norman Burt from New London, Conn.; Miss Eva Skala, East Weymouth, Mass., and Rev. Raymond H. Crawford, Netcong, New Jersey.

## Musical Treat Coming

An unusual musical treat is being planned for Northfield, which will have the opportunity of hearing the well-known duo-pianists, Dougherty and Ruzicka, September 29 in the Auditorium. The recital, which is the opening number on the Northfield entertainment course and which will be open to the public, will be of considerable local interest because one of the artists, Celium Dougherty, is a brother of Mrs. Beattie D. Cross of the Northfield faculty.

Described by the Washington Times Herald as "the best of the duo-piano teams, Dougherty and Rozika made their debut in this field in 1939. Previously each had become an established pianist in his own right and well known to concert audiences, but the success of their debut made it inevitable that they should abandon their individual careers and devote themselves entirely to two-piano music."

Many of the compositions on their varied repertoire were written especially for this famous team of artists by such noted contemporary composers as Paul Hindemith and Barjous Milhaud. Their recent first performance of Stravinsky's Concerto for two solo pianos was a tremendous success.

Celium Dougherty was born in Glenwood, Minnesota. At University of Minnesota he majored in music and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later he studied in New York with the renowned pianist, Josef Lhevinne and the composer, Rubin Goldmark. Dougherty has also distinguished himself as a composer, and his works, opera, are published by three leading publishers in New

## Garden Club Call

A call has been issued for the annual meeting of the Garden Club by Mrs. George W. Carr, its president, for Monday evening, September 24, at 8 o'clock at Alexander Hall. The club which had adjourned its meetings and cancelled holding of its Flower Shows during the war period, will now consider its program for the ensuing year. At this meeting officers will be chosen and a nominating committee has been appointed to name candidates for the various offices. The program for the evening will include a guest speaker. Members are asked to attend and dues for the coming year will be payable.

York and London. A recent work for two pianos, published by G. Schirmer, entitled "Nautical Sonata" is dedicated to the memory of his young brother, Ralph Dougherty, U.S.N., killed at Pearl Harbor.

Vincenz Ruzicka was born in Chicago, Illinois. His father is of Czech descent; his mother Viennese. A child prodigy, he has been performing in public since the age of thirteen. At twenty-one he was appointed head of the music department at the University of Texas, where he was for two years. As piano soloist he has appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and major orchestras in Europe. He is a first-rate painter and this year will give a one-man show of water colors in a New York art gallery.

To keep fit for their tours, Dougherty and Ruzicka spend their time on their farm in the Pocono mountains of Pennsylvania. In the winter they make their home in New York.

## Hammond-Fletcher

Miss Bertha S. Fletcher, daughter of Mrs. Rena Fletcher and the late Louis C. Fletcher of Brattleboro, Vt., and Pfc. John S. Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray M. Hammond of Northfield Farms, were married Aug. 25 at Forrestville, Md., by Rev. Ehlers at the parsonage using the double ring ceremony.

They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall F. Hammond of Parkland, Md., brother of the bridegroom. The bride wore a blue tailored suit with black accessories and a corsage of gardenias. The matron of honor was dressed in a black tailored suit with black and white accessories, with a corsage of gladiolas.

Pfc. Hammond has just returned from overseas duty in Germany and reports to Fort Devens at the end of his leave.

## Resigns As Teacher

Miss Bernice Webster, daughter of Mrs. C. H. Webster and sister of Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, has resigned her position as teacher of art at the Wadleigh High School in New York City. The resignation takes effect immediately and Miss Webster will devote herself to a further study in art, especially painting. Her home is at Groton Falls, N. Y., but she expects to be a frequent visitor at her home here.

## Card of Thanks

We are deeply grateful for the scores of helpers and offers of help in our time of need. Your loving thought has given us joyous courage in the loss of our beloved wife and sister, Martha Ladd Gage.—Spurgeon Gage, Ray S. Ladd and Family.

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### MOUNT HERMON OPENS

With the registration of 211 new boys yesterday and 289 former students, Mount Hermon School has reopened for its 65th academic year, according to Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, the headmaster.

Dr. Rubendall announced the reappointment of the first faculty member to return from the armed forces—Edwin G. Nixon, formerly director of permissions and an instructor in English and Bible. Mr. Nixon entered the Army Air Force May 1942 and from his base in England saw action in the principal allied invasions.

Other faculty appointments include Dr. Wilson F. Dodd, who has been appointed school physician. Dr. Dodd, a graduate of Princeton and Cornell Medical School, was for a number of years in the Near East under the American Board of Foreign Missions. Albert R. Raymond, formerly of Boston, has been appointed Choral Director for the school and John W. Kirkland, Jr., recently associated with the OSS, will teach general science and French.

Students registered from Northfield and vicinity include: Henry E. Martineau, South Vernon; Irwin M. Severance, Jr., S. Neill Sutherland, Robert Barnes, Paul E. Chamberlin, Jr., Cleland Cochrane, Jr., Edwin W. Finch, John W. Greenwood, Clifford P. Holton, E. Lynn Partridge, David and John Powell, Richard G. Reeves, Prul E. Rikert, Kenneth Ruhl, Alden Stevenson, Goddard Winterbottom, Donald E. Ayer, Buell L. Baasette, and Patton Lockwood, Mt. Hermon; Donald and John Skib, South Vernon.

### Awaits Assignment

Lieut. Paul T. Davis, son of Mrs. Margaret T. Davis of Main street, is at the redistribution station of the AAF at Atlantic City, awaiting a reassignment to further duty. He has 22 months of service in the European theatre of war, served as a bombardier in 23 combat missions and wears the air medal with three oak leaf clusters. The lieutenant entered the service in February, 1942, was trained at Big Spring, Texas, and went overseas in September, 1943. He had been a prisoner in Germany.

### BROTHERHOOD MEET

The Northfield Brotherhood opens the season Tuesday night in the Northfield Congregational Church with a supper at 6:30, followed by a short business meeting. The program is a timely one, and ought to be of great interest, especially to all service men and their families, for the speaker is to be David Archambo, director of the Greenfield Veterans' Service Center. A veteran of the first World War and a leader in Legion affairs of the country. As director of the Service Center, he is daily talking with veterans and advising the families as to their rights and privileges. So much confusion is abroad, that it is of great importance that adequate and correct information be known. Many men and women from Northfield are new and have been in the armed service, and they ought to take advantage of this opportunity of acquainting themselves with the rehabilitation of the veterans.

### Town Topics

The Friends of Service Men committee met Thursday afternoon, the 13th, to consider the matter and kind of Christmas gifts to be sent our men and women remaining in the service overseas. A report will be issued later.

This year witnessed a large attendance of friends and neighbors at the Franklin County fair in Greenfield. Quite a large number of season tickets were sold here.

Carroll Erving Rich, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll E. Rich of Pepperell, former residents of this town, died at the naval hospital at Sampson, N. Y., on Friday, Sept. 7. He had attended the local schools and a year at Mount Hermon. He entered the navy last May and was a hospital attendant 2C. He had been ill only a short time. A memorial service will be held at Pepperell Sunday, September 16.

The bus service for summer guests which ran Sunday mornings to the Congregational church from Winchester road and Myrtle street, as well as from Birnam road and North lane, was concluded Sunday, Sept. 2. The experiment was sufficiently successful so that another similar arrangement will be made for next season.

### Town Topics

The engagement is announced of Miss Esther Szeszowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Szeszowski of West Northfield, to Sgt. Charles H. Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hopkins of Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Szeszowski was formerly employed by the war department in Washington, and Mr. Hopkins, a graduate of Ohio State University, is with the army engineers somewhere in the Pacific area.

Dr. Henry F. Cutler of Highland avenue is at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital for care and treatment in a sudden illness. His son and daughters are with Mrs. Cutler at her home.

Friends of Frank H. Montague, who have called to greet him, report his keen interest in affairs and a cheery smile despite his severe illness.

The Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Spaulding have begun their work at the Vernon Home. Mr. Spaulding is superintendent and Mrs. Spaulding is matron. The home is filled to capacity all of whom are members of the Advent Christian denomination.

Mrs. Edward M. Powell announces that she will be glad to receive any clothing in good condition, to be shipped to Europe, if left at her home. Clothing not suitable for shipment will be offered at a rummage sale for the benefit of the War Fund.

The birth of a daughter to Capt. and Mrs. Philip S. Sparrow at the James Walker Memorial hospital at Wilmington, N. C., on Friday, August 17, has been announced. Capt. Sparrow is on duty at the air field located in Wilmington, and Mrs. Sparrow is the former Dorann Davis, daughter of Major and Mrs. George F. Davis, who at one time resided on Highland avenue.

Miss Edith Remington of Rochester, N. Y., was a recent guest at the home of Mrs. Griggs and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newton on Winchester road. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gutbrodt and Mrs. Walter

Rev. Edward C. Dahl, former pastor of the Congregational church, was greeted by many friends as he returned to preach at the local church Sunday morning, September 2. He is now minister of the Center Congregational church of Brattleboro.

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